

We claim:

1. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users comprising:  
an extended parliamentary procedure rule set;  
an electronic meeting environment governed by said extended parliamentary procedure  
5 rule set; and  
a set of application interfaces which allow communication between said extended  
parliamentary procedure rule set and said electronic meeting environment.
2. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 1  
wherein said extended parliamentary procedure rule set is based on Robert's Rules of  
10 Order.
3. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 1  
wherein said electronic meeting environment allows for synchronous and asynchronous  
meetings.
4. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 2  
wherein said electronic meeting environment allows for synchronous and asynchronous  
15 meetings.
5. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 1  
wherein said electronic meeting environment is the Internet.
6. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 2  
20 wherein said electronic meeting environment is the Internet.
7. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 3  
wherein said electronic meeting environment is the Internet.

8. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 4 wherein said electronic meeting environment is the Internet.

9. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 1 further comprising:

5 a scoping policy linked to electronic meeting environment governed by said extended parliamentary procedure rule set and said set of application interfaces whereby documents may be efficiently co-authored.

10. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 2 further comprising:

10 a scoping policy linked to electronic meeting environment governed by said extended parliamentary procedure rule set and said set of application interfaces whereby documents may be efficiently co-authored.

11. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 3 further comprising:

15 a scoping policy linked to electronic meeting environment governed by said extended parliamentary procedure rule set and said set of application interfaces whereby documents may be efficiently co-authored.

12. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 4 further comprising:

20 a scoping policy linked to electronic meeting environment governed by said extended parliamentary procedure rule set and said set of application interfaces whereby documents may be efficiently co-authored.

13. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 5 further comprising:

a scoping policy linked to electronic meeting environment governed by said extended parliamentary procedure rule set and said set of application interfaces whereby documents may be efficiently co-authored.

14. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 1 further comprising:

an object based client-server architecture functionally supporting said electronic meeting environment governed by said extended parliamentary procedure rule set by virtue of said set of application interfaces which allow communication between said extended parliamentary procedure rule set and said electronic meeting environment.

15. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 2 further comprising:

an object based client-server architecture functionally supporting said electronic meeting environment governed by said extended parliamentary procedure rule set by virtue of said set of application interfaces which allow communication between said extended parliamentary procedure rule set and said electronic meeting environment.

16. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 3 further comprising:

an object based client-server architecture functionally supporting said electronic meeting environment governed by said extended parliamentary procedure rule set by virtue of said set of

application interfaces which allow communication between said extended parliamentary procedure rule set and said electronic meeting environment.

17. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 4 further comprising:

5 an object based client-server architecture functionally supporting said electronic meeting environment governed by said extended parliamentary procedure rule set by virtue of said set of application interfaces which allow communication between said extended parliamentary procedure rule set and said electronic meeting environment.

18. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 5 further comprising:

an object based client-server architecture functionally supporting said electronic meeting environment governed by said extended parliamentary procedure rule set by virtue of said set of application interfaces which allow communication between said extended parliamentary procedure rule set and said electronic meeting environment.

19. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users comprising:  
means for Internet access;

a meeting environment; and

means for allowing mitigation of a set of protocol rules within said meeting environment;

and

20 an object based client-server architecture functionally supporting said meeting environment and said means for allowing mitigation of said set of protocol rules by virtue of said

set of application interfaces which allow communication between said means for allowing mitigation of said set of protocol rules and said meeting environment.

20. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 19 wherein said set of protocol rules is based on Robert's Rules of Order.

5 21. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 19 wherein said meeting environment allows for synchronous and asynchronous meetings.

22. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 20 wherein said meeting environment allows for synchronous and asynchronous meetings.

23. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 20 wherein said set of protocol rules are created by a colored petri net.

24. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 19 further comprising a means to co-author artifacts.

25. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 20 further comprising a means to co-author artifacts.

15 26. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 21 further comprising a means to co-author artifacts.

27. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 19 wherein said object based client-server architecture comprises a collaboration server, a collaboration client, a domain server, and a set of middleware components.

20 28. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 19 further comprising:  
a meeting registration function;

a meeting call to order function;

a meeting list;

a meeting floor;

a means to control said meeting floor;

5 a means to make motions; and

an adjournment function.

29. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 21  
further comprising:

a meeting registration function;

10 a meeting call to order function;

a meeting list;

a meeting floor;

a means to control said meeting floor;

a means to make motions; and

15 an adjournment function.

30. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 23  
further comprising:

a meeting registration function;

a meeting call to order function;

20 a meeting list;

a meeting floor;

a means to control said meeting floor;

a means to make motions; and

an adjournment function.

31. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 24 further comprising:

a meeting registration function;

a meeting call to order function;

a meeting list;

a meeting floor;

a means to control said meeting floor;

a means to make motions; and

an adjournment function.

32. A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 27 further comprising:

a meeting registration function;

a meeting call to order function;

a meeting list;

a meeting floor;

a means to control said meeting floor;

a means to make motions; and

an adjournment function.

33. A method for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users, comprising steps for:

accessing an electronic environment supported by an object based client-server architecture;

communicating through said electronic environment supported by said object based client-server architecture; and

5 applying a set of protocol rules within said electronic environment by virtue of said object based client-server architecture.

34. A method for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 33 wherein said electronic environment allows for synchronous and asynchronous communication.

10 35. A method for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 33 wherein said object based client-server architecture comprises a collaboration server, a collaboration client, a domain server, and a set of middleware components.

36. A method for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 34 wherein said object based client-server architecture comprises a collaboration server, a collaboration client, a domain server, and a set of middleware components.

15 37. A method for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 33 wherein said set of protocol rules is based on Robert's Rules of Order.

38. A method for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 37 wherein said set of protocol rules are created by a colored petri net.

20 39. A method for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 35 wherein said set of protocol rules is based on Robert's Rules of Order.

40. A method for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 39 wherein said set of protocol rules are created by a colored petri net.

41. A method for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 33 further comprising:

- a meeting registration function;
- a meeting call to order function;
- a meeting list;
- a meeting floor;
- a means to control said meeting floor;
- a means to make motions; and
- an adjournment function.

42. A method for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 34 further comprising:

- a meeting registration function;
- a meeting call to order function;
- a meeting list;
- a meeting floor;
- a means to control said meeting floor;
- a means to make motions; and
- an adjournment function.

43. A method for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 35 further comprising:

a meeting registration function;

a meeting call to order function;

a meeting list;

a meeting floor;

5 a means to control said meeting floor;

a means to make motions; and

an adjournment function.

44. A method for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users in claim 38

further comprising:

10 a meeting registration function;

a meeting call to order function;

a meeting list;

a meeting floor;

a means to control said meeting floor;

15 a means to make motions; and

an adjournment function.